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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.
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LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)
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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)
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UPDATED OBJECTION OF WILLIAM KUNTZ, III

Now comes William Kuntz, III who appears here *Pro Se* and respectfully submits the following for the Court's Consideration:

The Debtor's most recent rescue program reminds me of the Titanic, after the ship hit the iceberg and was floundering, the stokers were still shoveling coal <here cash> into the boilers in the flawed belief that steam pressure would keep out sea water.

- 1) A review of both Aurora and Woodlands Internet Presence and underlying Institutional Posture reveals that they are run of the mill financial institution with the typical markets cranking out loans based upon FICO Scores and have limited appeal to the investing public wishing to deposit funds. They have weak geographical focus and face ample competition in a market which the government concedes is overcrowded. For example Aurora offers a 1 year CD @ 1.41% Interest while Capital One offers a Interest Plus Online Saving @ 1.35%
- 2) It does not appear that additional funds will do anything more than appease the Government, which wants higher capital margins in order to give more time to warn of an impending collapse. If one were to review the well read and highly

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regarded Internet site Implode-o-Meter¹, one could see that there have been many more institutions like Woodlands and Aurora who have already met a fate² because they continued to operate in a 'business as usual' manner³.

- 3) The Debtor's Solution, like it has played over and over before is to act like a Financial Firehouse deploying Creditors Funds in a game more akin to a Private Monopoly Game while the Jackels and Vultures feast on a Estate with Fee Requests⁴ which make headlines and the Court appears unwilling or unable to restrain and the Creditors now have a prospect of having to wait perhaps 7 years before any distribution⁵ might be made.

¹ <http://ml-implode.com/index.html>

² housing market is poised for a wave of repossessions

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/britain-facing-a-wave-of-repossessions-warns-sp-2075344.html>

³ **2010-09-10** — *factoidz.com*

Today's Banking Crises is Comparable to the Great Depression of 1930's

"Like many financial crises of the past, this one has been plagued with high unemployment, increasing poverty, greater numbers of personal and business bankruptcies, endless foreclosures, failing businesses, and lastly an ever increasing number of bank failures. This article will focus on only one byproduct of this recession: number of bank failures. What the author has found is that a real apple to apple comparison between the two events has been obscured by misleading and incomplete information. The official total of today's bank failures compared to the Great Depression is pegged at 5% when in reality it closer to 74%."

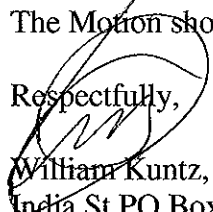
⁴ The Debtor recently objected to some 4,000 claims filed by individuals and others because they were in Fact claims by Wilmington Trust. It appears that Wilmington Trust was so inept that in the year between the Petition Date and the Bar Date, it did not effectively communicate with these parties to explain it's role In this Case. A review of the recent fee Application of Weil, Gotshal reveals that the Point Person on the Claims Matter, Attorney Lori Fief? Billed some \$643,000 for work which in retrospect was caused by the Incompetence of Wilmington Trust and for which Wilmington Trust and not the Debtor's Estate should have been surcharged. In addition in fundamental fairness, those 4,000 creditors should be allowed an administrative claim for the time and effort and expense to submit claims which proved to be duplicate due to the ineptitude of Wilmington and the lack of attention by Weil, Gotshal who assumes that anything it does is billable and subject to payment.

4) More fundamental to the Debtor's Proposal is that it shows a total lack of any kind of creative thinking or proposing a solution⁶ which might resolve this to the benefit of the Creditors, such as making a distribution of Lehman Brothers Bancorp shares to Lehman Creditors with the creation of additional Warrants which when exercised would bolster the Capital Desired by the Government and end this experiment in keeping Aurora and Woodlands on life support.

The Court should send the Debtor back to the Drawing Board.

The Motion should be denied.

Respectfully,


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⁵ As the Court may note, this party made a request months ago for a 1% Distribution which has gone unanswered or unopposed. The idea that the Professional have created a hog-trough for feeding while the true owners of the Estate must look from a distance is a fundamental complaint. Of Course, this is bedrock to Weil, Gotshal's Bankruptcy Practice, just outlast and outwear the opposition because it gets paid and others have to wait and wait and wait.

⁶ For example, the Debtor could transfer the Empty Building in Stamford Conn, or the Sun and Moon Property or the Park Ave Building Mortgages to increase the Balance Sheet Assets of Lehman Brothers Bancorp



T.J. Kirkpatrick for The Wall Street Journal

laryland's 1st Mariner Bank has been marked as out of compliance with Nasdaq rules. It is one among many small banks facing challenges.

Bank Rally Leaves Out Small Lenders

by ROBIN SIDEL

While large banks are showing signs of recovering from the financial crisis, many of the country's small banks are still in big trouble.

Small banks' efforts to clean up portfolios stuffed with bad loans are forcing them to sell branches, tap investors for fresh capital and restrict lending.

Some have fallen out of compliance with stock-exchange requirements, and others have got-

ten delisted altogether as a result of their woes. Scores have missed dividend payments owed to the government, which has injected billions of dollars into the banking industry through the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

"I think we have a very bifurcated industry. There are the haves, the have-nots and the walking wounded," said Dory Wiley, president and chief executive of Dallas-based Commerce Street Capital LLC, a firm that invests in banks and also advises

them.

BankAtlantic Bancorp is one of the latest institutions to announce plans to raise fresh capital, filing a prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday to sell as much as \$125 million of stock. The bank, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has about 100 branches, and it will sell 19 branches in Tampa. It recently cut 7% of its work force.

The community-banking industry's troubles were evident in

the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s latest quarterly report, issued last week. The FDIC said the pace of declines in loan charge-offs is slower at community banks than at banks that have more than \$1 billion in assets.

Smaller banks also released fewer reserves in the second quarter than did large banks, meaning they still think they need to keep extra money to cover loans that go sour. The

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Latest Fed Report Finds Signs Growth Is Slowing

By CHRISTINE HAUSER

The United States economy showed "widespread signs" of slowing, the Federal Reserve said on Wednesday, though modest growth continued from mid-July through the end of August.

The latest regional survey by the 12 district Federal banks, known as the beige book, described an economy in which many sectors, from consumer spending to manufacturing, continued to expand. But there were also "widespread signs of a deceleration," the report said.

In at least five of the 12 Fed districts — New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago and Richmond, Va. — conditions were "mixed" or had slowed, the report said.

"It suggests we are not going into a double dip, but it just suggests we are slowing," John C. Fernald, an economist for LPL Financial, said of the report. "It tells me the Fed is on hold for a very long time. There is no indication here that they are worried about wages or prices getting out of control."

The publication, which is based on information supplied by business contacts in the different regions, confirms the thrust of much of the economic data in the last month that has shown a sluggish pace to the recovery. Gross domestic product has been revised downward to 1.6 percent from 2.4 percent for the second quarter and the housing market has slumped.

In its report, the Fed said the economy had continued to pick

up, but that growth had been uneven and in some regions, had started to slow.

"I think there has been a change in perception that the economy has turned the corner and put aside a lot of these fears of a double-dip recession," said Michael Duiker, head economist for North America at Russell Investments.

"People might be dismayed at the slow rate of recovery of the economy, but at the same time people are starting to realize the economy has turned the corner," he said.

Brian Bethune, IHS Global Insight's chief United States financial economist, said the "frank description" by the Fed of widespread deceleration "suggests a great deal of concern about the direction of the economy."

Federal Reserve officials signaled in August that their confidence in the recovery had diminished, and took measures to keep interest rates low and encourage growth. With short-term interest rates already close to zero, Fed officials announced plans to use the proceeds from the central bank's huge mortgage bond portfolio to buy long-term government debt.

Ben S. Bernanke, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, said in Jackson Hole, Wyo., last month that the central bank was determined to prevent the economy from slipping into a cycle of falling wages and prices, and that he expected modest growth in the second half of the year to expand

in 2011.

The survey touched on many of the topics that have concerned the markets since the start of the recession, like the effect of household debt and the housing market on the economy.

The Federal Open Market Committee, which sets monetary policy, is to meet on Sept. 21.

The survey found that consumer spending, which is crucial because it dominates the overall

lion decline in June.

According to the beige book, manufacturing expanded in most districts. A rise in manufacturing has been a bright spot in the recovery because it is considered a portent of possible hiring.

The survey noted modest improvements in credit quality, according to reports from financial institutions, and found that loan demand was lower or generally stable.

Upward price pressures remained limited for most categories of goods and services, although they were higher for such commodities as grains, according to the Dallas and San Francisco districts, and industrial materials, the survey said.

Several districts, including Atlanta, Chicago, San Francisco and Kansas City, Mo., reported that businesses absorbed higher costs to avoid passing them on to consumers.

Wage pressures were also limited. The survey said that overall, the pressures remained modest, with most of the districts that commented on wages reporting that there was little or no upward pressures or increases.

But there were exceptions. Dallas, for example, said that wage pressures were nonexistent, except for airline and temporary workers. Wage pressures inched up in Boston, Chicago and Kansas City as employers dealt with a mismatch in skills between the available positions and the applicants.

In the beige book survey, 'widespread' signs of deceleration

economy and because of its implications for the job market, appeared to increase even though there was an emphasis on essential and lower-priced goods with limited spending on big-ticket items.

Generally, most districts reported that retail sales picked up, though not in Atlanta, New York and Dallas, where they either slowed or declined.

A separate report from the Fed showed that consumer borrowing fell in July as the use of credit cards continued to shrink. Borrowing declined at an annual rate of \$3.6 billion in July, the 17th drop over the last year and a half. The fall compared with a \$1 bil-

Bank Rally Bypasses Smaller Lenders

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amount of loan balances that are 90 days past due rose 0.3% at community banks, while the larger banks reported a 5.3% decline.

Though the big banks wield the most power among consumer and business customers, community institutions represent most of the nation's 7,830 banks. Last year, 91% of all banks had assets of less than \$1 billion, and 36% had assets of less than \$100 million, according to the FDIC. Such banks represent the bulk of the 829 institutions on the FDIC's "problem" list. They also make up the majority of the 18 banks that have failed this year.

Unlike the behemoth banks that pitch credit cards, trade securities for clients and provide merger advice, small-town banks are still largely in the basic business of collecting deposits and making loans, including mortgages.

Faced with slow growth and competition from big banks that have sprawling automated-teller-machine networks and sophisticated cash-management products for business customers, many of these small banks jumped earnings in recent years by expanding into new regions and loading up on loans to commercial-real-estate developers. Such growth has come back to haunt many of them now.

"Community banks increased their risk profile and credit exposure significantly and are now really reeling from that," said Michael Alley, chief executive of Integra Bank Corp., a community bank based in Evansville, Ind., that has more than 50 branches.

Though larger than many community banks, Integra is under orders from regulators to raise capital, and it is selling some branches.

The bank recently was notified by the Nasdaq Stock Market that it is out of compliance because its stock price has been less than \$1 a share for 30 consecutive days. The shares have been trading at about 72 cents

this week.

Banks that are under pressure to raise capital are finding themselves in a difficult spot because investors are increasingly skeptical about the future of some of these institutions.

"Investors need to know that there's enough capital for a healthy institution to emerge after the capital raise," says Jeff Evans, director of global capital markets at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc., an investment bank that specializes in financial institutions.

PAB Bankshares Inc., a community bank based in Valdosta, Ga., lost \$21 million in the second quarter, added \$15 million to its loan-loss reserve and is trying to clean up problem assets on its balance sheet, it has said.

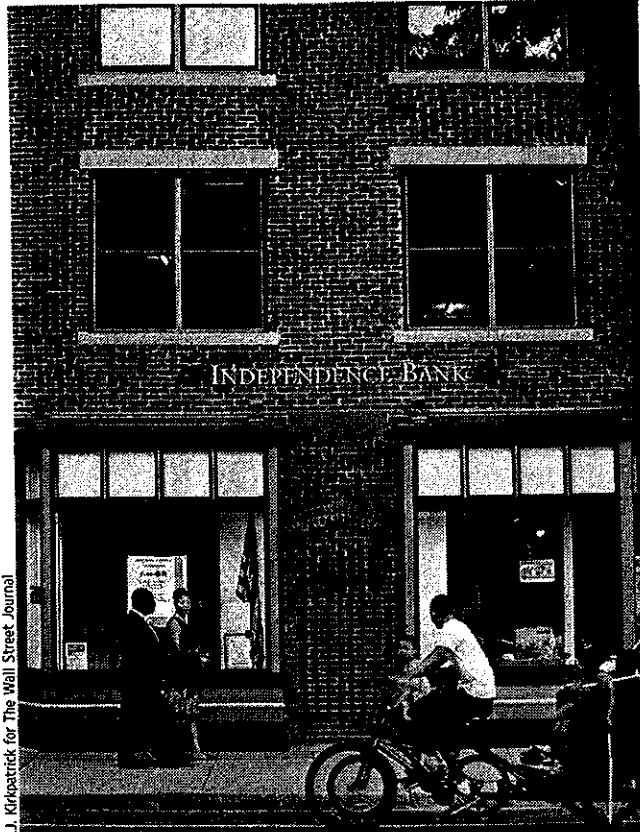
Two days after the bank released its quarterly results last month, it canceled plans to raise \$80 million, citing "changing market conditions."

Representatives of the bank didn't respond to requests for comment. When it canceled the capital-raising plan, the bank said it was analyzing other options to raise capital and liquidate nonperforming assets.

More than 90 financial institutions, most of them community banks, missed May dividend payments on preferred stock they received under the Treasury Department's TARP program, according to SNL Financial LC, a research firm in Charlottesville, Va.

That number could grow later this month when the Treasury releases a list of banks that missed August payments. One new name that will be added is **Community Bankers Trust Corp.**, based in Glen Allen, Va. The firm, which is the holding company for the 25-branch Essex Bank, lost \$20 million in the second quarter and reported an increase in nonperforming loans.

"Capital is king right now. There is a lot of stress on all of us right now in the community-banking industry," said Bruce Thomas, chief financial officer of Community Bankers Trust.



Independence Federal Savings Bank, of Washington, saw its stock delisted because of the market value of its publicly held shares.

Off the Market

Banks that have lost their listings in 2010, and reasons

- Jan. 21: Horizon Financial Corp.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- Feb. 3: Columbia Bancorp.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- Feb. 10: First Regional Bancorp.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- March 11: Rainier Pacific Financial Group Inc.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- April 21: Beach First National Bancshares Inc.—Delinquent/bankruptcy/liquidation
- April 28: City Bank—Bankruptcy/liquidation/delinquent/bid price
- April 28: Tamalpais Bancorp.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- May 5: Amcore Financial Inc.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- May 12: Frontier Financial Corp.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- May 12: EuroBancshares Inc.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- May 26: Midwest Banc Holdings Inc.—Bankruptcy/liquidation/equity/delinquent
- June 11: Bank of Florida Corp.—Bankruptcy/liquidation
- July 1: Cowiitz Bancorp.—Equity/public float
- July 8: First National Bancshares Inc. (S.C.)—Bid price
- July 28: First State Bancorp.—Bid price
- July 23: Independence Federal Savings Bank—Market value of publicly held shares
- May 21: Pacific State Bancorp (Calif.)—Bid price

Source: Nasdaq Stock M